
**Hydraulic fluid power filters — Multi-pass
method for evaluating filtration
performance of a filter element**

*Filtres pour transmissions hydrauliques — Évaluation des performances
par la méthode de filtration en circuit fermé*



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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 4572:1981, of which it constitutes a technical revision.

Annex A forms a normative part of this International Standard. Annexes B to D are for information only.

Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, one of the functions of the hydraulic fluid is to separate and lubricate the moving parts of components. The presence of solid particulate contamination produces wear, resulting in loss of efficiency, reduced component life and subsequent unreliability.

A hydraulic filter is provided to control the number of particles circulating within the system to a level that is commensurate with the degree of sensitivity of the components to contaminant and the level of reliability required by the users.

To enable the relative performance of filters to be compared so that the most appropriate filter can be selected, test procedures should be available. The performance characteristics of a filter are a function of the element (its medium and geometry) and the housing (its general configuration and seal design).

In practice, a filter is subjected to a continuous flow of contaminant entrained in the hydraulic fluid until some specified terminal differential pressure (relief valve cracking pressure or differential pressure indicator setting) is reached.

Both the length of operating time (prior to reaching terminal pressure) and the contaminant level at any point in the system are functions of the rate of contaminant addition (ingression plus generation rates) and the performance characteristics of the filter.

Therefore, a realistic laboratory test that establishes the relative performance of a filter should provide the test filter with a continuous supply of ingressed contaminant and allow the periodic monitoring of the filtration performance characteristics of the filter.

The test should also provide an acceptable level of repeatability and reproducibility and a standard test contaminant [ISO medium test dust (ISO 12103-A3) in accordance with ISO 12103-1] is featured. This has been shown to have a consistent particle size distribution and is available worldwide. The filtration performance of the filter is determined by measurement of the upstream and downstream particle size distributions using automatic particle counters validated according to ISO standards.

Since it is difficult to specify, achieve and verify a cyclic flow requirement that is both realistic and consistent with the flow variations occurring in actual systems, the compromise of steady-state condition has been used for this test to enhance the repeatability and reproducibility of results.

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1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies:

- a multi-pass filtration performance test with continuous contaminant injection for hydraulic fluid power filter elements;
- a procedure for determining the contaminant capacity, particulate removal and differential pressure characteristics;
- a test currently applicable to hydraulic fluid power filter elements that exhibit an average filtration ratio greater than or equal to 75 for particle sizes less than or equal to 25 $\mu\text{m(c)}$, and a final reservoir gravimetric level of less than 200 mg/l;

NOTE The range of flows and the lower particle size limit that can be used in test facilities will be determined by validation.

- a test using ISO medium test dust contaminant and a test fluid according to annex A.

1.2 This International Standard is intended to provide a test procedure that yields reproducible test data for appraising the filtration performance of a hydraulic fluid power filter element without influence of electrostatic charge.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1219-1:1991, *Fluid power systems and components — Graphic symbols and circuit diagrams — Part 1: Graphic symbols*.

ISO 2942:1994, *Hydraulic fluid power — Filter elements — Verification of fabrication integrity and determination of the first bubble point*.

ISO 3722:1976, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluid sample containers — Qualifying and controlling cleaning methods*.

ISO 3968:1981, *Hydraulic fluid power — Filters — Evaluation of pressure drop versus flow characteristics*.

ISO 4021:1992, *Hydraulic fluid power — Particulate contamination analysis — Extraction of fluid samples from lines of an operating system*.

ISO 4405:1991, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluid contamination — Determination of particulate contamination by the gravimetric method*.

ISO 5598:1985, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*.

ISO 11171:1999, *Hydraulic fluid power — Calibration of liquid automatic particle counters*.

ISO 11943:1999, *Hydraulic fluid power — On-line automatic particle-counting systems for liquids — Methods of calibration and validation*.

ISO 12103-1:1997, *Road vehicles — Test dust for filter evaluation — Part 1: Arizona test dust*.

ASTM D 4308-95, *Standard test method for electrical conductivity of liquid hydrocarbons by precision meter*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 and the following apply.

3.1

contaminant mass injected

mass of specific particulate contaminant injected into the test circuit to obtain the terminal Δp

3.2

differential pressure

Δp

difference between the tested component inlet and outlet pressure as measured under the specified conditions

See Figure 1.

3.2.1

clean assembly differential pressure

difference between the tested component inlet and outlet pressure as measured with a clean filter body containing a clean filter element

See Figure 1.

3.2.2

clean element differential pressure

differential pressure of the clean element calculated as the difference between the clean assembly Δp and the housing

See Figure 1.

3.2.3

final assembly differential pressure

assembly differential pressure at end of test equal to sum of housing plus terminal element differential pressures

See Figure 1.

3.2.4

housing differential pressure

differential pressure of the filter body without an element

See Figure 1.